

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) comprising a cover (14;40) extending over at least a portion of the top surface of the car (24), said cover being mounted on a resilient support (28; 42); the car further comprising detection means (32; 44) for detecting displacement of the cover corresponding to a weight exceeding a predetermined threshold being applied to the cover, the car being arranged so as to prevent normal operation if said displacement has been detected; wherein said cover (14;40) is provided on or by a retractable balustrade (12;38).

2. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cover (14; 40) and said retractable balustrade (12;38) form a single unit.

3. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 comprising means (36) for detecting deployment of the balustrade (12).

4. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the cover (14) is rigidly attached to the balustrade (12).

5. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein the cover (40) is resiliently attached to the balustrade (38).

6. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the cover (14; 40) is arranged over substantially the whole area of the top of the car (24) on which a person could stand.

7. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in claim 6 comprising a cut-away portion (16) provided in the cover (14) to allow access to controls (18) mounted on the car top (24).

8. (Original) An elevator car as claimed in claim 7 wherein said cut-away portion does not provide access to controls for controlling movement of the car during inspection mode.

9. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 wherein the detection means (32; 44) is arranged to be latched such that ordinary operation of the car is prevented until the latch is ~~properly reset by an authorised user~~.

10. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 comprising detent means (26) for preventing movement of the cover (14) ~~unless it~~ the cover is ~~properly displaced by a person clambering on it~~.

11. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in claim 10 wherein said detent means comprises a magnet (26).